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M E S S A G E

Greet all the attendees particularly the family of then Colonel Francisco ‘Turko’ D. Boayes, and the guest of honor and speaker, MGEN FERNANDO V FELIPE PA, Commander, Reserve Command, PA.

I salute Maj Gilbert B Bragais (INF) PA, Community Defense Center (CDC) Director for naming the 501 Community Defense Center (501 CDC) and the 501st Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion (501 RRIBN) as what will now be known as the CAMP COLONEL FRANCISCO ‘TURKO’ D. BOAYES. And I thank you for taking the lead of honoring one of our local heroes, ‘Turko’ who along with Gat Wenceslao Q. Vinzons founded the ‘Vinzons Abians Guerilla, United States Army Forces in the Far East Camarines Norte Station.

Certainly, your whole force is greatly inspired by the bravery and utmost sense of nationalism of ‘Turko’. A Syrian national as he was, no Filipino blood run through his veins but he was genuinely loyal to our beloved country Philippines. He selflessly and gallantly put his life on the line.

After Vinzons’ death, he organized the ‘Traveling Vinzons Guerillas’. Surrendering and kneeling before the Japanese troops then invading our beloved Province of Camarines Norte during the World War II was never his option nor predilection. I believe that he never considered himself as a mere ‘reservist’ to fill in the vacuum left by Vinzons but a true soldier who faced any and all battles with courage, honor and loyalty to preserve our freedom at all costs.

And to the 501st Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion (501 RRIBN), I challenge you to constantly go the extra mile to keep the flames of the spirit of patriotism burning within your line anchored on your mantra, HONOR. PATRIOTISM. DUTY. And may you continue to keep the **T**orch of **U**nparalleled, **R**esounding **K**nighly **O**bliging character of **TURKO** as you perform your duties and responsibilities to protect and defend our country and our people.

Moreover, please be assured that I am with you in your journey to become a world-class Army by 2028 that is a source of national pride.

Mabuhay, ang PILIPINAS NATING MAHAL!

EDGARDO A. TALLADO
Governor